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SENATE BILL 18-151

BY SENATOR(S) Fields and Priola, Aguilar, Court, Donovan, Fenberg, Garcia, Kagan, Kefalas, Kerr, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Moreno, Todd, Williams A., Zenzinger;
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CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RESEARCH TO DEVELOP
BULLYING PREVENTION POLICIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-2-144 as follows:

22-2-144. Bullying prevention and education policies - short title - study. (1) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION IS "ASHAWNTY'S LAW".

(2) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESEARCH APPROACHES, POLICIES, AND PRACTICES RELATED TO BULLYING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION USED BY EDUCATION PROVIDERS IN OTHER STATES. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2019,

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE RESEARCH CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a), THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1803, SHALL DEVELOP A MODEL BULLYING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION POLICY. THE RESEARCH AND MODEL POLICY DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a) MUST BE UPDATED EVERY THREE YEARS.

(b) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2019, AND EVERY THREE YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH AND MODEL POLICY REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION ON ITS WEBSITE AS GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND THE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE TO CONSIDER WHEN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING BULLYING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION POLICIES.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless

approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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